s17 Geometric Series Exam (EXAM v312)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a = 918, common ratio $r = \left(\frac{8}{27}\right)^{1/10}$, and n = 10 terms.

$$S = 918 + 812.86 + 719.76 + 637.32 + 564.33 + 499.7 + 442.46 + 391.79 + 346.92 + 307.18$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 812.86 + 719.76 + 637.32 + 564.33 + 499.7 + 442.46 + 391.79 + 346.92 + 307.18 + 272$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 7 + 7(3) + 7(3)^{2} + 7(3)^{3} + \cdots + 7(3)^{88} + 7(3)^{89} + 7(3)^{90} + 7(3)^{91}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.